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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

In response to the Office Action dated September 7, 2001 (herein "Office Action"), the Applicant respectfully requests entry into the record of this amendment and reconsideration in view of this amendment and response.

Enclosed herewith is a petition for a three month extension of time, a notice of appeal and authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 13-4125 for the required fees.

The Commissioner is also GENERALLY authorized to charge any amount relating to the attached communications including any necessary fees for an extension of time, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4125.